

I.C.P.O. Calendar

06-14 April 2006

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I.C.P.O. Calendar (April 06 - 14, 2006)

Islands, Castles & Portable Operations.

Operations are listed by start date (Day/Month/Year).

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06/04/2006: Rag, LA6FJA, will operate as DU1/KI4KJP from Luzon Island, Philippines (OC-042, WLOTA LH-0081), between April 6th and May 1st. Activity will be on 80, 40, 30, 20 and 17 meter CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via WY4N (QRZ.com). [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

06/04/2006: Geoff, G0PFH, will operate as GX2UG from Holy Island [Lindisfarne] (EU-120) from April 6-8th. Look for activity on 40 and 20 meter SSB only. QSL via G2UG (QRZ.com). [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

07/04/2006: Fernando, EA1BT, will be active on all bands as 5T6BT from Mauritania between April 7-16th. QSL via EA4URE, direct or bureau. [Tnx NG3K]

07/04/2006: Simon, M0BOX, plans a second and final holiday trip to the Maldives. Look for him to be active April 7-20th as 8Q7B0 from the Kuredu Island Resort (AS-018). Activity will be on all bands 40 through 10 meters, WARD included, in his spare time. Simon will concentrate on the digital modes, mainly PSK31 plus RTTY and maybe SSTV if requested, and of course SSB. He will NOT be accepting SKED requests before activation, however, Simon hopes this time to connect to the DX Cluster to advise operation frequency and mode. QSL via home call. Further information and updates can be found at <http://www.btinternet.com/~m0box/> . [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

07/04/2006: Marco, EA1APV, plans to activate Roatan Island (NA-057, WLOTA LH-1671), Honduras, as HR6/EA1APV between April 7-14th. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx HG3K]

07/04/2006: Daniel, DL5YWM, will be in Lima, Peru, again and will be active as OA4/DL5YWM from April 7-30th. Activity will be limited to his freetime on CW/SSB. Daniel informs OPDX that he will try 160m and 80m but it is difficult because of the very high QRM level in Lima City. QSL to his homecall using the QRZ.com address. Also, remember that he will be joined later by operators Marcial/OA4DM, Jorge/OA4BHY and Daniel/DL5SE to activate Isla Chinchu del Centro (IOTA SA-073) possibly between April 22-26th (+/- 1 day, depending on the weather and the sea). The lighthouse there will be activated and the reference number is WLOTA 362. QSL for this operation is via Jeff, DL5WM (ok on QRZ.com). [Tnx OPDX]

07/04/2006: Marco/CE6TBN and Zoli/HA1AG will attempt to activate Pupuya Island (IOTA New One!, WW Loc. FF46BA) in the O'Higgins/Maule IOTA group of Chile. The callsign will be XR4PI. Detailed information about the operation and the island can be found at: www.hg6n.hu/ha1ag/xr4pi/ . They expect to be on air late Friday evening (April 7th) and we plan to be QRV until Sunday afternoon (April 9th). Their goal is to give everybody a fair chance to work this hardly accessible island. In order to help us to fulfil our goal please be very considerate in the pileups

and avoid duplicate (aka security) contacts. Since we are approaching the sunspot minimum they will focus on the low bands. They expect 30m and 40m to be the workhorse bands. QSL via HA1AG either direct (Zoli Pitman, Somogyi Bela ut 18, Gyor 9024, Hungary) or via bureau. The log will never be uploaded to eQSL or LotW! The exact schedule will largely depend on the local circumstances. You can send your feedback to xr4pi@dx.hu which will be read by our pilots and forwarded to us even during the operation. [Tnx AD1C]

08/04/2006: Klaus, DF2GN/p, will activate M?hleberg summit (SOTA DL/BW-037, 1023m, WW Loc. JN38PC, 10 SOTA points), Bathe Wuerttemberg region on April 8th starting around 1200z. Activity will be on 7.030 and 10.116 MHz CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

08/04/2006: Operators Francois/F5JNE, Bruno/ON7ZB and Claude/F5MCC will use the callsign F5JNE/p to activate the Castle of La Mivoie (DFCF 45-032 for the French castles award), canton of Chatillon Coligny (DDCF 45-08), City of Nogent/Vernisson (CP 45290), Department of Loiret (45), Province of Centre on April 8th. As usual the starting time will be around 0600z beginning on 3650 kHz SSB (+/-). At the end of the morning they will QSY to 40 meter SSB and CW. QSL via the bureau is preferred, SWL cards are welcome. [Tnx F5NQL]

08/04/2006: Freddy, F8CKS/p, will activate the Mill Raunel (DMF 24-011 for the French mills award) on April 8th. The mill is located in the department of Dordogne (24), canton (county) of Belves (DDCF 24-02). This mill was used for flax, paper and flour in alternation with the mill of Tute Haute demolished and rebuilt by the owner descending from this family of millers, two mills on the same property. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F8CKS]

08/04/2006: Bill, WB5ZAM, will be heading to the island of St. Lucia (NA-108, WLOTA LH-0718) for a vacation on April 8th and is expected to stay on Choc Bay at Villa Beach Cottages for two weeks. He hopes to get a J68 callsign, or he will probably sign J6/WB5ZAM. Bill states that he will focus on 30 meters and possibly 40 meters (He states this is tough band with all the broadcast stations and SSB from other hams). Activity will depend on the band openings, his vacation schedule, weather and beach, side trips and island parties. He will use a G5RV with his HF gear and bring along his keyer and headset/mike. QSLs will be printed once he knows what the callsign will be. [Tnx OPDX]

08/04/2006: Frank, K3TRM, will be vacationing with his family in El Verde, Puerto Rico (NA-099, WLOTA LH-2802, Grid FK78) from April 8 through April 17, 2006. He is planning to be active on 80-6 meter SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and CW, with some emphasis on the WARC bands. Because he is not staying at a "rent-a-QTH", these plans may change as he determines his antenna options. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at <http://www.k3trm.com/> [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

08/04/2006: Arnold, WB60JB, is expected to be active from the Palau Islands (OC-009) as T88AP from April 8-15th. QSL route, Bands and modes of activity were not provided. [Tnx OPDX]

09/04/2006: Christiane, DN1ERW/p, will activate Trautzberg summit (SOTA DL/SR-006, 604m, WW Loc. JN39PN, 6 SOTA points), Saarland region on April 9th starting around 0900z. Look for activity from young operators (13-16 years old) on 20 and 40 meter SSB. QSL via home call, direct or

bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

09/04/2006: Jonathan, G7LUS/p, will activate Ben Nevis summit (SOTA GM/WS-001, 1344m, WW Loc. IO76LT, 10 SOTA points), Western Scotland region, on April 9th starting around 1300z. Activity will be on 7.060 and 14.200 MHz SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

09/04/2006: Eric, SM1TDE, will operate mainly CW as TA4/SM1TDE from Kemer, Turkey April 9-16th. He will also try to go and operate as TA0/SA1A from a couple of IOTA groups (AS-099 and AS-115). QSL via bureau to home call. [Tnx 425DXN]

09/04/2006: Kardi, YB1TC, reports the a group of operators from call areas 0, 1 and 4 of Indonesia (callsigns not provided) will hold a Low Band Krakatau QSO Party from Krakatau Island (OC-262) on April 9-10th to celebrate the 38th anniversary of ORARI. Look for them to be active using their home calls as follows (QRG +/- 5 kHz): 9 April - 1.825 MHz 17.15-19.00 UTC CW and 19.15-23.00 UTC SSB, 1.850 MHz 12.15-17.00 UTC SSB, 3.805 MHz 23.15-02.99 UTC SSB, 3.805 MHz 02.15-05.00 UTC CW, 7.085 MHz 07.15-09.00 UTC SSB and 7.085 MHz 09.15-11.00 UTC CW; 10 April - 1.825 MHz 15.15-19.00 UTC CW and 1.850 MHz 19.15-23.00 UTC SSB. QSL to P.O. Box 1000 JKS, Jakarta 12010, Indonesia. The event sponsored by the Indonesian Amteur Radio Old Timer (<http://www.arot.org>). [Tnx 425DXN]

10/04/2006: Klaus, DF2GN/p, will activate Kolbenkopf summit (SOTA DL/BW-069, 934m, WW Loc. JN48CD, 10 SOTA points), Bathe Wuerttemberg region, on April 10th starting around 1400z. Look for activity on 7.030 MHz CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

10/04/2006: Scott/NE1RD and Dave/KZ10 will be active April 10-17th using the Patriots Day special event call K1P from Deer Isle (NA-055, USI ME-014S, Hancock county), Maine. Patriots Day celebrates Massachusetts in the founding of our nation but many do not know Maine was part of Massachusetts until 1820, split as part of the Missouri Compromise. Join us from the Maine sea coast celebrating Patriots Day and New England's tradition of the sea April 10-17, 2006. Look for activity on all bands. QSL via NE1RD (QRZ.com). [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

11/04/2006: Klaus, DF2GN/p, will activate Geissberg summit (SOTA DL/BW-031, 1047m, WW Loc. JN48BD, 10 SOTA points), Bathe Wuerttemberg region, on April 11th starting around 1400z. Look for activity on 7.030 MHz CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

11/04/2006: John, NY6DX, will be operating as NY6DX/1 from Block Island (NA-031, USI RI-New One!, Washington county), Rhode Island, from April 11-14th. Look for activity on, or near, the usual IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call, direct only (QRZ.com). [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

11/04/2006: An international team composed of Roberto/EA2RY, Pedro/EA5BJ, Fer/EA5FX, Javi/EA5KM, Francisco/EA5RD, Toni/EA5RM, Julio/EA5XX, Javi/EC4DX, Fabrizio/IN3ZNR and Dimitri/UY7CW will be on the air as S01R from Western Sahara, April 11-16th. Operation will be on all bands from 160-10 meters on CW, SSB and Digital modes. They will have four stations active. QSL direct to: EA5RM, Antonio Gonzalez, P.O. Box 930, 03200, ELCHE, Spain. More details and online logs will be available on the S01R Web site at: <http://www.s01r.com>. Oscar, EA4TD, will be their pilot station; questions and comments can be sent to: oscar@ea4td.com [Tnx OPDX]

12/04/2006: Operators Lars/SM0CCM and Seth/SM7XBI will be active from the Island of Grenada (NA-024, WLOTA LH-0718) during the Caribbean Hamboree, probably using the callsigns J3/homecalls from April 12-19th. QSL via their home calls, bureau preferred. [Tnx OPDX]

13/04/2006: Members of the Orkney Amateur Radio Club will be activating the Isle of Shapinsay (IOSA OR-07, SCOTIA OI-16 for the Scottish islands awards), Orkney Islands (EU-009), between Thursday, April 13th and Sunday, April 17th (subject to weather and sea conditions). They plan to have two full power stations on 80/40/30/20/17/15/10 meter CW and SSB. The callsign for this operation will be MM0MWW. QSL direct only to GM0IFM (Colin Blunn, Tiree, Rendall, Orkney KW17 2PB, United Kingdom). They will have a Web page devoted to this DXpedition which will be updated when necessary at: <http://www.eu009.com/2006shapinsay.htm> [Tnx OPDX]

14/04/2006: Team leader Fredy (DE0MST) along with operators Daki (9A2WJ), Boro (9A3KB), Emir (9A6AA), Sven (DF9MV), Mathias (DL5MFL), Fredy's XYL Maria and Sven's XYL Petra plan to be active April 14-22nd as 9A0CI and homecall/p from Dugi Otok Island (EU-170, IOCA CI-018 for the Islands of Croatia award, CIA-10 for the Croatian Islands award, ACIA IC-367 for the All Croatian Islands award, MIA MC-074 for the Mediterranean Islands award, County ZD). They will also be activating the Veli Rat lighthouse (ARLHS CRO-183, WLH 9A-077, WLOTA LH-2375, WW Loc. JN74JD) at the same time. QSL 9A0CI via DE0MST (100% via bureau), others via their home calls. [Tnx DE0MST]

14/04/2006: Dana, VE1VOX, will be active as VE10TA April 14-16th from the LaHave Islands (NA-081). He will decide which islands to operate from upon his arrival to the area. Activity will be on 15, 20, and possibly 40 meters SSB. QSL to VE1VOX, direct preferred. Reminder, international postage requires an IRC or 2 USDs. [Tnx OPDX]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

28/04/2006: Operators Michael/DL3FCG, Lars/DL6FCB, Fred/DL8MG, Reiner/DL4ZF and crew will be active as EA8/homecall from Tenerife Island (AF-004, S-012 for the Spanish islands award, WLOTA LH-1276) between April 28th and May 5th. They plan to have two stations active on all HF bands. QSL via the bureau to home calls. [Tnx OPDX]

30/04/2006: Keith, G3TTC, will operate from the Isles of Scilly (EU-011) as G3TTC/p from April 30th to May 5th. Look for activity on 80, 40, 20 and 15 meter SSB. QSL via home call. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

13/05/2006: JA4ZKI/4 and JE6QIG/4 plan to be active from Oshima Island (IOTA AS-117, JIIA AS-117-108), JA4 Yamaguchi prefecture, Hagi City, from May 13-14th. QSL via home calls, direct or through the bureau. [Tnx JI6KVR]

19/05/2006: Look for Glauber, HH/PS7EB, to be QRV from Haiti (NA-096, WLOTA LH-0343) from May 19th to November 25th. Activity will be on all HF bands, with emphasis on the high bands, CW, SSB and digital modes using a IC746 Pro and a vertical multiband antenna. Glauber is a member of the Brazilian Army in the UN Peace Program Forces operating in Haiti. QSL by bureau or direct (with SASE + US\$ 1 or 1 IRC), address info OK in QRZ.com. [Tnx PY2HS]

26/07/2006: Operators G0VJG, M0MYC, M3CVN, G7GLW, G4BU0, G0FDZ and possibly others will be QRV from St Marys Island, Isles of Scilly

(EU-011), between July 26th and August 2nd. They will also participate in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 29-30th) using the callsign M8C. They will also use the calls G3RCV/p on 6 meters (WAB SV91, WW Loc. IN69UW) and G1RCV/p on 2 meters. Outside of the contest look for members of the team to be operating on all bands as homecall/p. QSL M8C, G3RCV/p and G1RCV/p via G4DFI (QRZ.com). QSL others via their home calls. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

25/11/2006: Bernd, VK2IA, will be QRV from the Cocos (Keeling) Islands (OC-003) for the CQWW DX CW Contest (Nov 25-26th) as VK9AA a Single-Operator/All-Band entry. QSL via DL8YR. [Tnx NG3K]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

08/04/2006: Special event station GB2RA will be active from the Royal Artillery Museum Woolwich from April 8-17th. The aim of the event is to demonstrate amateur radio communication to young people visiting the museum during the Easter Holidays. Operation will be on 80m, 6m, 2m and 70cm. QSL via operators' instructions. [Tnx GB2RS]

08/04/2006: Saltash and District ARC will operate special event callsign GB200IKB from Victoria Park in Saltash, Cornwall during the weekend of April 8-9th to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of legendary engineer Isambard kingdom Brunel. The Royal Albert Bridge connecting Devon and Cornwall at Saltash was Brunel's last great engineering feat. The bridge features on the GB200IKB QSL card which will be sent to all who make contact with the station during this period. [Tnx GB2RS]

15/04/2006: Special event callsign GB0GRA (Grantham Radio Amateurs) will be operational on the weekend of April 15-16th on all bands. QSL via operators' instructions. [Tnx GB2RS]

30/04/2006: Stafford and District Amateur Radio Society is operating special event callsign GB800SB from Stafford Castle on April 30th to mark the 800th anniversary of King John signing the Charter that recognised the area as a borough. Operation will be on HF and VHF. Special QSL cards will be issued for this event. [Tnx GB2RS]

IMD 2006 -

International Marconi Day (IMD) is a 24-hour amateur radio event held annually to celebrate the birth of Guglielmo Marconi on the 25th April 1874. The IMD event is not a contest: it is an opportunity for amateurs around the world to make point-to-point contact with historic Marconi sites using HF communications techniques similar to those used by Marconi, and to gain an attractive Award for achieving the requisite number of Marconi stations worked. IMD 2006 is held on Saturday April 22nd when amateur radio stations are established and operated from original historic sites, or nearby. These stations are known as the 'Award Stations' and are listed on the IMD website (www.gb4imd.org.uk). The list is regularly updated as the various stations confirm their availability to operate.

Amongst the special event stations will be GB4HMD, operating from the actual house in Holyhead where Marconi successfully established the first ship to shore communications with the steam vessel 'Lake Champlain'. [Tnx HF Traffic News]

INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE / LIGHTSHIP WEEKEND -

This highly popular and ever growing amateur radio event is on again this year on 19th -20th August. The event normally starts at 0001 UTC on Saturday 19th August and ends at 2359 UTC Sunday 20th August. This year it will start at 0002 UTC reserving the first minute in silence as a moment of reflection on Mike GM4SUC, founder and main organiser of ILLW, who passed away in December 2005.

The event is a fun weekend designed to promote amateur radio and lighthouses. It is NOT a contest so take time to have a chat with the stations contacted and maybe get the public involved as well.

Further information can be found at illw.net/2006.htm [Tnx HF Traffic News]

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The ES OPEN HF Championship will take place next Saturday, April 15th, from 0500 to 0859 UTC on 40m and 80m! We invite you to participate in this nice small contest. There will be many ES stations active and contest is held both in SSB and CW.

International winners get special trophies from ERAU plus all country winners will be awarded. There is also a special LP trophy.

NB! Log deadline is May 20th, not June 1st anymore!

Please check the results and rules from www.erau.ee:

<http://www.erau.ee/modules.php?op=modload&name=Info&file=index&req=viewarticle&artid=68>

Congratulations to 2005 winners:

Category A (MIXED) - YL7X, Arvis Mikals

Category B (SSB) - OZ1ADL, Jan Thogersen

Category C (CW) - LY7M, Algirdas Uzdonas

Category D (CLUBS) - YL1S, ops YL1ZS and YL2VW

Category E (SWL) - R3A-847, Vladimir Ignatov

Special trophy to best LP station: YL2PJ, Zigurds Belasovs

Rules are very easy: the contest consists of 4 equal one hour periods where you can work a station once on both bands. Thus 8 times maximum in total during the contest. Foreign stations can work ES stations only and multipliers are ES region prefixes (0 to 9) on both bands and modes. So 20 for CW/SSB and 40 for Mixed class.

CW QSOs give 2 points and SSB 1 point. Report is RST + QSO number.

Text format logs should be sent to esopen@erau.ee

You can use WPX configuration of different logging programs as ES prefixes are all multipliers. Just have to clean dupe sheet after every hour or start new log. TR log is easy to use, we have a sample CFG file on ERAU web page.

[Tnx Tonno, ES5TV, President of ERAU & F5NQL]

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73 and Good Hunting!

Dave Raycroft - VA3RJ

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Home of ICP0: <http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/>
Mirror: <http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/>
Contest Calendar, DX Calendar, Lighthouse Activations.
Join ICP0 e-Group: http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/icpo_mail.html

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Canadian Checkpoint For:
All Croatian Islands Award - ACIA
All Croatian Islands Award Group - ACIAG
The World Light House Diplom - TWLHD
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